

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In the application of** : SPROAT, Martin  
**Serial No.** : 10/656,554  
**Filed** : May 9, 2003  
**For** : Improved Network Service Provider  
Architecture In Communications Network  
**Examiner** : NGUYEN, Steven H D  
**Art Unit** : 2419  
**Customer number** : 23644  
**Attorney Docket No.** : 41319-94756

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 30, 2008**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2008, the applicant makes the following submission: